



# Press Release

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Based on an investigation by the detectives from the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Jeffrey Gregg, the man who stole the Salvation Army Kettle from the Giant Eagle store in Painesville Township on December 21, 2013, has been arrested and charged.



On December 21, 2013 a man came into the Giant Eagle



store on Mentor Avenue in Painesville Township, and posed as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer. He convinced the volunteer worker that he was their relief, then after taking over the Salvation Army donation pot stand and posing as the Bell Ringer, he proceeded to steal the donations by grabbing the pot of money and exiting the store.

After viewing surveillance footage of the store area from December 21<sup>st</sup> detectives found that the man had spent the night prior in a blue Buick that was parked in the parking lot of the store. Believing the man to be homeless detectives checked area business parking lots and hotels for the blue Buick. After a number of weeks they located a vehicle matching that description in the parking lot at America's Best Value Inn in Mentor, Ohio. They identified Jeffrey Gregg as the owner of the vehicle. While interviewing Mr. Gregg he admitted to stealing the Salvation Army kettle from Giant Eagle on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

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